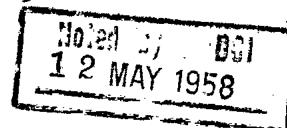


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Betsy Lewis, daughter of Fulton Lewis, telephoned to me yesterday and said her father wanted to know if it is true or false that CIA checks on FBI activities in the United States as charged by Cyrus Eaton last Sunday in an interview with Mike Wallace. I have known Betsy as a very young girl but have not seen her in several years. I told her that CIA does not comment on statements in the Press or on the radio regarding itself, whether the statements are accurate or inaccurate, favorable, or unfavorable. I told her that Fulton knows very well that the National Security Act of 1947 outlines the duties of CIA and specifically states that we have no police power or subpoena power and does not give us authority such as that attributed to CIA by Eaton. She wanted to know if we were checking on the FBI without legal authority. I told her that under our policy we could not get into that controversy but that Fulton knows very well that, of course, we obey the law. If J. Edgar Hoover won't dignify Eaton by a public statement, why should CIA do so? (On the radio last night Lewis "took Eaton apart." There was no mention of CIA.) She said she thought she got it clear enough.

3. I told her that I had seen Fulton's picture in the HERALD TRIBUNE receiving an award from George Sokolsky and that he looked rather well. I asked where her brother was now. She said he was in New York selling insurance for Mutual of Omaha. The Fulton Lewis family is a closely knit unit. For many years at Christmas time Fulton and his two children have given special Christmas programs over WOR and WGMS. He lived in Foxhall Village during the war, a short distance from where I lived.

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